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Greatest Battle Of The Russian War Is Pending, Says Moscow

HUN DRIVE FOR WINTER QUARTERS

BIG MOVE

BY U.S.A.

Ships May Sail All The Seas

Washington, Saturday.

THE Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved by 12 votes to ten a proposal to broaden the scope of the Armed Shipping Bill to permit American merchantmen to sail anywhere on the high seas.

Congress approval of this proposal would mean the repeal of the provision in the neutrality act banning American shipping from combat zones.

SPEECH ON MONDAY

Opponents to the Administration's foreign policy were exempt in declaring that the proposed bill would stir up a debate in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

President Roosevelt is now shifting his address to the nation on Monday evening in connection with "Navy Day."

It is possible that he may reveal the broader aspects of the huge new armament programme now being arranged—Reuter and Exchange.

Hitler To Grab Slovak Army

HITLER intends to get hold of the Slovak Army next, presumably by a holding force in the occupied territories.

Czech critics in London yesterday said that, following the lead by Father Tiso, the Slovak president, and his Ministers to the Reich, the Slovak Army is to be re-organised with a view to its incorporation in the Reich.

It is the price the present ruler has to pay for his guarantee against Hungarian claims on Slovak territory.

RAY BOMB FRENCH SHIP

The French ship was hit by a bomb yesterday. The ship was carrying 1,500 tons of munitions. The bomb was dropped by a British bomber.

SNOW SHOES FOR RUSSIA

A big order has been placed at a shop in the Home Counties for snow shoes for the Russian army. The shoes are made of rubber and are designed to enable troops to move easily and quickly in deep snow.

'French Fighting Somaliland Invasion'

Vichy, Saturday.

VICHY Colonial Office stated today that British and Free French forces had invaded French Somaliland.

The Governor of Jubba, said the statement had sent a message to Vichy that his forces were resisting.—B.T.P.

There was no confirmation in London yesterday that British troops had entered French Somaliland. A similar statement was made from Vichy on Friday.

A BATTLE, THE EQUAL OF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN THE RUSSIAN WAR, IS PENDING. FOR HITLER IT IS A BATTLE AGAINST THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING WINTER, WITH ITS OBJECTIVES "WARM WINTERING" FOR HIS TIRED AND WEATHER-BEATEN TROOPS.

This Nazi drive which, according to a "Pravda" correspondent, will surpass in desperation and intensity even the ferocious German thrusts of the past, will decide Hitler's hopes of an early end of the war and of winter quarters for his armies.

Soviet sources, said the correspondent, attached great importance to fighting for populated localities, and it was there the enemy faced the strongest resistance.

That such resistance continues strong was confirmed last night by reports reaching Kuibyshev, new seat of Soviet Government.

In two sections of the long battle front resistance is growing. Latest news last night revealed the following positions:

MOSCOW: Soviet troops have regained territory in the northern part of the Moloisk sector, 65 miles west of the capital, as the result of counter-attacks, and established defensible positions.

DONETZ BASIN: German High Command, in a special communique, claimed the capture of Kharkov, capital of the Ukraine and one of the biggest Soviet armaments producing centres.

But the Russians replied that resistance is stiffening on this front, and declared that the Hun drive towards Rostov, great city at the mouth of the Don, had been checked except in one direction, where Soviet troops had withdrawn to new positions.

German attempts to dislodge the Russians from these positions had been made in vain, and, after losing a large number of men, the Nazis had taken up the defensive.

The enemy, however, he could lighten France, said the General, but France is going to show him that she is not afraid.

She is going to give him proof of this by the most impressive demonstration possible at the present moment: a gigantic national demonstration in complete immobility.

All French men and women will stand still, wherever they may happen to be. In the fields, factories and offices, as well as in the schools and shops, all work will be interrupted. In the streets nobody will move.

"This immense national strike will show the enemy, and the traitors who serve him, by what a gigantic menace they are surrounded," said the French national suddenly and completely transformed into a people of hate and in scorn, will strike straight into the hearts of the enemy and the traitors who serve him, while waiting to annihilate them.

"But the whole of our people will also demonstrate, by this unanimous standing to attention, the magnificent French fraternity built up on our misfortunes, consecrated by our blood, resplendent with our hopes."

The whole world is thinking of France, losing towards France, wondering about France. Well, France is going to show the world that the crimes committed on the persons of her children by a mad, greedy enemy who feels he is going to be routed do not intimidate her.

Next Friday, October 31, from four o'clock until five minutes past four the whole of France will stand to attention.

"Reproduction for Terror Killings."—Back page.

Earlier messages reaching the Tass Agency referred to the situation in the Donetz Basin as "alarming." It was stated that the struggle was gaining in intensity daily.

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THROUGHOUT the winter troops stationed in Britain are to be given the option of taking 14 days' privilege leave instead of two periods of seven days each, the War Office announced yesterday.

This applies to all troops with a minimum of nine months' service with the exception of troops in Northern Ireland.

These troops will not be given the option, but will be granted a period of 13 days' leave during the same period.

RAILINGS INTO TANKS

The Bailiff of the Royal Parks announces that the King's approval, approximately 100 more tons of iron railings are to be removed from the Royal Parks—enough to make seven medium-sized tanks five hundred 300-b. guns, 10,000 Bren guns or 100,000 rifle barrels.

SHE'S IN THE HOME GUARD NOW!



The first unofficial Women's Home Guard Detachment in Britain has been formed at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mystery Meeting

HITLER TALKS TO CIANO

Berlin, Saturday.

HITLER had a talk with Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at his headquarters this afternoon.

Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, was present.

The official German news agency, in announcing the meeting tonight, said the talk proceeded in the "traditional spirit of friendship and brotherhood in arms existing between the two nations," and lasted two hours.

A Rome report says Ciano has gone to Germany for a visit of some days.—Reuter.

Two Nazis Down In Day Fights

LAST night's Air Ministry communique stated:

"Offensive patrols have been flown by our fighters over the Channel, Northern France and the Dutch coast today."

"One enemy fighter was destroyed off the Dutch coast this morning and another this afternoon."

Objectives in the Cherbourg Peninsula were attacked. None of our aircraft is missing. (See also U.S. Eagle Shot Me Into Sea: Back page.)

Mussolini Gives Civilian Fascist Leaders A Jolt

Rome, Saturday.

MUSSOLINI today transferred or replaced 60 officials of his Fascist corporations or guilds in the most sweeping shake-up for years.

Nineteen of Italy's twenty-two guilds, which control the country's economic production from food and clothing to steel, were affected. Only leaders of the notable theatre and glass guilds, which are of secondary importance, escaped.

Reasons for the shake-up were not announced, but observers assumed it was to make the guild system more efficient in meeting the country's increasing wartime needs and remove causes of public complaint.

"WOE! WOE!" New regulations for saving food and coal have aroused criticism in Italy, and Giovanni "Woe! Woe!" Amadeo, editor of the newspaper "Il Telegrafo," warned Mussolini in a recent article.

The blocking of sales of women's goods and clothes preliminary to rationing was announced September 25. A day later the government rationed hats, shoes and certain articles of clothing.

Broad rationing was announced.

RAF SIX-HOUR BLITZ ON AXIS BASE

Fires Burn For Days In Naples

FIRES CAUSED BY RAF BOMBS HAVE BEEN BURNING IN NAPLES EVER SINCE LAST TUESDAY. OUR BOMBERS MADE THIS DISCOVERY ON FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY BLITZED THE CITY FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE NIGHT.

Half Of Duce's Convoys Wrecked

'I WONDER THEY SAIL'

—Admiral Cunningham

In the Mediterranean flagship, Saturday, ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, SAID TODAY THAT UP TO HALF OF ALL ENEMY CONVOYS TRYING TO CARRY SUPPLIES TO AXIS TROOPS IN LIBYA WERE BEING DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

British and Allied submarines and aircraft were sinking between 20 and 30 per cent of Axis ships leaving Italy for Benghazi and Tripoli.

Added to this there were another 20 per cent damaged by torpedoes and air bombings, so that not more than half the supplies and reinforcements sent ever arrived intact in Libya.

"In view of these extraordinary heavy losses it is a wonder to me that the Italian merchant sailor still goes to sea," the Admiral asserted. "Experience was a particularly hard month for enemy convoys, many of which included German ships which were in Mediterranean ports before the war began."

WAR WEARINESS About the inactivity of the Italian fleet he said: "It is due, possibly, to war weariness, but then we have paid plenty to about that has conspired to their unwillingness to fight."

"I have no doubt that morale among Italians in the smaller warships is much better than that in the larger units. The break always starts with a crack of morale in the larger units."

Added with he thought of the present condition of the Italian fleet in view of the situation in the Mediterranean, the Admiral said the Italians had probably ruined the number of submarines they had at such a rate that they could put "four or five."

"The number of their 8-inch gun cruisers operative is doubtful," he said. "In fact, there are two for certain capable of sea fighting, and possibly ten to 14 light cruisers."

SUBMARINE LOSSES "It is difficult to estimate how many destroyers they now have. I estimate they have lost one-third of the number of submarines they had when the war began."

When the war began Italy had 100 submarines and 20 building or authorised.

Admiral Cunningham said there was no way of knowing how much new construction had been carried out since the outbreak of the war, but what materials were available the Italians had used to repair the damaged battleships.

He said he could not estimate when the Italian navy would be cleared of all enemy shipping, but added: "I hope it will be soon."—A.P.

More Food For Workers

LORD WOOLTON'S scheme to provide more food for workers is almost ready, the Ministry of Food announced yesterday.

The extra food will be supplied through works canteens and other approved catering establishments. This is how it will work out:

HEAVY INDUSTRIES Canteens will receive—
22 lb. of meat per meal, instead of one pennyworth.
Double the sugar allowance.
More cooking fats and cheese.
More cooking fats and—more cheese.
All other canteens will continue to receive the present allowances.

More Food For Workers

STOCKHOLM, Saturday. The Reich has seized all property of the Baltic countries on the grounds that no private property existed there under the Soviet regime, says the Berlin correspondent of "Svenska Dagbladet."

As a result, the Reich will let to industrialists, he adds.

KING BORIS'S VITAL SPEECH Vichy, Saturday.

King Boris of Bulgaria will attend the opening of the 24th session of the Bulgarian Parliament on Tuesday, according to the Vichy press.

"The speech which the King will make from the throne will apparently be of great importance," it is stated.—Reuter.

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